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O-DAY'S REPUBLIC:

NINETY SECOND YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1900.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

JEVER in the history of this house have we shown such a magnificent exposition of spring and summer merchandise, showing a brilliant reflection of the first blush of the new spring. Special

bargain attractions will be made in all our departments, and for this week's selling we name prices that will cause amazement, quote values that are convincing and give bargains that will surely accomplish for us a big week's business that will beat the record.

SHOES...



SEE WHAT

WILL BUY! At 98c Ladies' Hand-Turn Oxfords, in black or choco

late brown, kid or vesting tops; not a pair worth less than \$1.50. Also in this lot you will find Boys' and Children's black and chocolate brown Shoes, lace and button; every pair worth \$1.75 a pair; above Shoes for this week, only ... At \$1.98-Ladies' Black Victor Chocolate Brown Shoes,

made by the very best workmen in kid or vesting tops, all made with kid back-stays and beaded edges and lined tongue and kid sock linings; not a pair worth less than 84.00; in this lot you will find Ladies' Low Shoes in black or tan, hand-turn sole or welt sole, narrow toes or wide buildeg toes; also two-button Oxfords, in black \$1.98 less than \$3.00; your choice for ..

One lot of Shell Side Combs, worth 15c and 25c per pair; One lot of Shell or Amber Hair Pins, worth 10c per dozen,

SECOND FLOOR Ladies' Undermuslins

An assemblage of amazing special values for Monday and all the week. Ladies' Muslin Skirts, trimmed with umbrella flounce and dust raffle-well worth 75c-now...50c Ladies' Umbrella Skirts, flounce Extra fine Muslin Skirts, umbrella

flounce, trimmed with two rows of lace insertions and edge to matchfinished with cambric dust One lot of Ladies' Muslin Gowns, lace or embroidery trimmed, made full width and length-slightly 750 soiled-were \$1.00-now, each.

trimmed with torchon lace- 1 were \$1.35 -- now Umbrella Drawers, ruffle trimmed with hemstitched insertionswere 50c-now. Cambrie Drawers, umbrella ruffle trimmed with lace instrtion

and edge-were 85c-now....

skirt finished with cambric

65c and All-Wool Homespun Skirts, with box-pleated Extra length Chemises, voke and back: comes in tan, gray sleeves trimmed with embroidery and cadet blue-a regu-75c lar 87.50 skirt.

Rich and Elegant Showing of

SECOND FLOOR Women's Tailored Jackets, Suits.

Dress Skirts, Waists and Wrappers. JACKETS Big Bargains.

For 2.98 ladies' fine covert cloth fly-front Jackets, all lined through our Special facket Bargain. These jackets were bought to sell for \$5.75. For 9.50 Ladies' Caster Colored Broadcloth Box

Coats, satur-lined, velvet collar- a regular Great Values in DRESS SKIRTS.

For 6.93 -Ladies Tan Venetian Cloth Skirts, hand-

A 3.98 SUIT 150 Ladies' Suits, Etons, fly-front, double-breasted - some braided, some plain colors, stan, brown, gray, blue, red, caster and cadet were \$9.98 to \$15.00 male of very fine Venetian cloth, homespun, cheviots and mixed cloths; Jackets taffeta and silk Romaine lined.

BARGAIN DAZZLERS THAT HAVE NO PRECEDENT IN SUITS. FOR 7.50 175 Ladles' Fine Sults, made of Venetian Cloth, Homespuns, Serges and blue, brown and castor. This is a grand Sult Barg in. These sults were \$20.06 to \$27.50 made in all the latest styles—Fined, others with silk-lined jackets. Remember, the price is only \$7.50.

SILK BARGAINS.

We offer the following extraordinary Monday Silk Specials, that will prove the greatest silk selling in St. Louis.

24 inch Printed Twilled Foulandnew designs and colors, regular price 90c, Monday...... 75c 21-inch Satin-Finish Foulards, extra fine quality, beautiful finish and dewould be considered very cheap at 81.25; Monday they go at, yard......

Special offering-All confined styles of Fancy Silk Taffetas; for Ladies' Waists; all new designs, and can be had only at D. Crawford's, value \$1.50 to \$2.50; our Special Price

\$1.00 to 50 pieces Fancy Taffeta for Waistswould be cheap at \$1.00;

24-inch Brocaded India Taffeta 750 - small figures and polka dots 21-inch All-Silk Peau de Soie, French make, \$1.39 quality,

Monday for .. 24-inch Black Silk Taffeta, 85c imported, \$1.25 quality, at. Extra quality French Peau de Soie, the best silk made for wear;

COLORED DRESS GOODS. Here we have amassed the wealth of the world's best weaves. All the soft and exquisitely rich fabrics that the season's fashion designers demand. Here are the most superb values, all wonder fully priced for Monday.

39¢ For Fancy Plaid Suiting. crepe weave, including the most popular colorings; early

50c For an immense assortment of the beautiful new sumof the beautiful new summer fabric Mousseline de Soie, including solid colors, embroidered dots, stripes and figures; never be-

fore shown. All fast colors. 59c For 46-in imported Cheviot Serges, and 54-in fine quality all-wool Habit Cloth, special good value both; well worth 75c. 79¢ For 46-in, Silk and Wool French Suiting, in small French Suiting, in small checks and stripes, suitable for tai-



SECOND FLOOR.

A GRAND EVENT FOR MONDAY! L'IPOSSIBLE EVER TO DUPLICATE!

A heautiful new Dress Fabric will be offered at a price than half actual value in 38-lach Two-Tone Whipcords in twenty medium colorings closs of out from a leading manufacturer; his price 47-c; we after these heautiful goods Monday at

La Vida

Corset, made to fit every variety of figure. Special new styles designed to suppress abdominal prominence in straight front effects. Also, many new models for

American	Free	Geo. Bryan,	Steam
	Intelligence		and
Money Order	Office	Public,	Electric
Dept. on	on Second	on	Laundry i
First Floor.	Floor.	Fifth Floor.	Basement

values that will create the greatest enthusiasm on Monday, values that are pre-eminently the greatest ever given. We made Immense purchases before the advance on cottons and place them on sale at prices startlingly low a Klondike for sign writers.

500 yards of Shade Cloth in short lengths from 38 to 54 inches wide, for Monday only, at, per yard. 2 3 cases of extra heavy vard-wide Bleached Muslin -our regular 614c quality, for Monday only at, per vd. 30 5 cases yard-wide Soft Finished Bleached Muslin-no dress ing-would be cheap at Sc per yard-our price for Monday only

500 dozen ready-made Bleached Sheets, size \$1x90 made of good heavy muslin—our regular 69c quality—for 55c

300 dozen ready-made Bleached Sheets, size 72x90, for 3 beds-would be cheap at 59c-our price for Monday.... 500 dozen ready-made Bleached Pillow Cases, size 42x36would be cheap at 124ge our price for Monday only, 10c 300 dozen ready-made Pillow Cases, size 45x36—ou regular 17 c quality-for Monday only, each Z 22C 5 cases of English Long Cloths in 10-yard bolts our 890 2 cases of 10-4 Bleached Sheeting, full width our 171/20 10 cases 9-4 extra heavy Soft Finished Bleached

Sheeting—our reg. 27 \cquality—for Monday only \(\begin{align*} \begin{align*} \L \& \end{align*}

FIRST FLOOR. Special Sale of

Extraordinary Bargains! Every yard advertised at factory prices-all guaranteed to be new, reliable goods.

Big line of White Warp Welt Pique, worth 15c, Monday..... Extra wide Leno Striped Lawn, worth 20c; special price Monday... 15c 36-inch Dress India Linon, 20c quality; Monday's special price.. 150 50c quality French Organdie, 68 inches wide; Monday's price. 400 Extra fine Persian Lawn. 25c 35c quality; Monday 50-inch French Lawn, worth 50c; Monday Extra quality English Long worth 12 1/2 per yard; 48-inch French Batiste, worth

Attractive Bargains of Great Importance in

to this department, and our dependable clothing that is

making hosts of new customers for us.



Boys' Scotch Tweed Knee Pants Suits. sizes 6 to 16 years, pure all wool, handsome patterns in checks, overplaids and stripes, pants double seat and knees, extra strong Farmers' Satin lining, worth \$4.50; on sale Monday.....

Boys' Knee Pants, near part of thoroughly made, sizes 4 to 13 250 Boys' Black Worsted Knee Pants Snits.

sizes 7 to 16 years, warranted fast color, silk stitched, good quality Farmers satin linings, regular price 85.00; on sale Monday 3.50 Youths' Long Trouser Suits, sizes 14 to 20 years, All-wool Black Cheviot, cut in the latest fashion, well made in every particular, a serviceable suit for

business or dress wear, regular 88,00; on sale Monday ... 5.50 Youths' Long Trouser Suits, sizes 14 to 20 years, in all Scotch Tweeds. handsome patterns in the season's most stylish shades, custom tailored and finis ted, regular price \$10.50; on sale

INERY ELEGANCE.

will be found in our Millinery Salon at most attractively low prices. We have taken care to have every piece we are displaying a perfect embodiment of style and beauty, and satisfy the most critical tastes.



Children's Trimmed Straw Hats, all colors. Baby Mull Caps

A Sweeping Mark-Down for a Quick Clearance of

The Chance of a Lifetime.

many styles of fine Pianos of all grades which we carry in our

Piano Department, we have decided to discontinue the agency

of the celebrated Mason & Hamlin High-Grade Planos. Every one knows these Planos-their reputation is world-wide; they

have received the highest honors at the principal expositions,

and such great pianists as Nikisch, Paur, Dr. Mason, Sherwood

As lack of space prevents us advantageously showing the

PIANO

JACOB'S CAVE, A MISSOURI WONDER.

Tracks of Prehistoric Man in Its Endless Caverns---Weird Tales of Desperate Fights and Indian Romances.

Jacob's Cave is a Missouri wonder of the but surely, striving and struggling, the nature. It is some seven miles south of team made the climb.

Versailles, Morgan County, and is a suc- When the summit was reached a beautiful the Englishman, tumbled plump into one water when I see the doggondest, greenest corridors are endiese, and that they honeycomb the earth for miles and miles, possibly forming junctions with other caverns. being part of an underground girdle around of the vailey, rock-scarred bluffs reared the world. And, aside from its attraction their heads. A rude house of two nestled the world. And, aside from its attraction as a natural wonder, there are stories of love, adventure and death within the stygian maw of this great cave.

Jacob's Cave is remote from centers of lead and zinc, or other strangers, hear of it dreus stories of half-known secrets that its echoing walls hold of footprints made by prehistoric man upon the floors before lin's Knob, and well up on the footprints made quarter of a mile from the summit of Gobpassing centuries had hardened them into or the hill. The opening is almost comthey thought man would never venture, and

such places and make them interesting to Recently a Sunday Republic man was one of a party of explorers into this mighty cavern. He found that the beauties of its glittering, stalactite-lined walls are not evedrawn; that its bigness is not overstated, that there are marks of the feet of men and beauts sunk deep into the floors of solid ing Arrow, one day he followed the girl, rock; that in at least one place there is a saw where she went and whom she joined, pile of bones that may be those of the in-dian lovers around whose love tradition and told the chief and the tribe of what he had seen. weaves a tale of romance and tragedy, and that the passageways are so varied in size famed great labyrinths of ancient days are

simple promenades in comparison.
The party who visited the cave was composed mostly of prospectors, many of whom have recently invaded Morgan County, hepfrom the comparatively unexplored fallis Gartrell. The Sunday Republic man and an were never heard of again, but the story represented a mining company of Kewanee, III., who were working a holding of 300 acres | and love, by the very spirit who had punin the vicinity and who had some lead I ished Flying Arrow. strikes. Fryer and Gartrell belonged to a When the party arrived at the gap in the Kapsas City company, and they also were ground. Ned unrolled a package which he working several prospects within a few had brought with him. It contained can-miles of the cave. They were in custody dies. Three of these he gave to each of the of Ned Herrington, who has the reputation of being, so far as lead and zinc prospects and the other mysteries of nature are con-

cerned, a directory of southern Morgan The expedition was begun at daybreak and the means of transportation was a farm wagon, uphoistered in well-seasoned, springless hickory. The route lay over a many-graded road, in which there were enough owlders to furnish the setting for a South African campaign. The last ascent before him. Jacob's Cave was sighted was that of Gob-

When the summit was reached a beautiful view greeted the eye. Down the valley There is a belief that these underground of North Brushy Creek, along which the Missouri Pacific is expected to extend " Versallies branch, one could see to the unction with Proctor Creek. On each side on the lower hillsides. There had been some

thempt to reclaim for farming purposes the lands adjacent to the creek, and dotted ! about the valley were plowed fields, zigcivilization. It is a commonplace thing to large fences and small herds of cattle. Away those who live near it, except when, as is, south, beyond Proget Creek and toward those who live near it, except when, as is south, beyond Prontor Creek and loward, damp stone now frequently the case, prospectors for the Osage River the enveloping blue of distance wrapped all detail within it, yet th and express a desire to view its wonders standowy phantom forms of higher bluffs. Then there are told most weird and wen- were just discernible. were just discernible.
The entrance to Jacob's Cave is about a

lin's Knob, and well up on the eastern slope passing centuries had narached the first of the finit. The opening is almost comstone; of Indian lovers seeking refuge from pletely hidden by an overhanging rock and a revengeful rival within its depths; of buttles whose only records are piles of bones and mummified bodies; of fights with wild who had been builthed from his native village. The warrior loved a majorn of the village. The warrior loved a majorn of his tribe, and she loved him. West Wind, of all that goes to increase the mystery of in spite of the sentence against him, hovered about the forbidden village, calling at night to his love by apt imitation of the owl's "Te-whit-tu-whoo". By accident he stumbled upon the opening of Jacob's Cave. The place offered him a secret shelter and soon ecame a trysting place for the lovers. But the maiden's frequent absences from the village were noted by a jestous brave. Fiv-

In a body the men flocked to the cave. The lovers heard the commotion and saw and conformation and so numerous that the the chief and his braves approaching. Escaps outward being impossible, they retreated into the enexplored chambers of the basty flight, or could the feet that caused cavern. The pursuers, headed by Flying them have been those of West Wind's jeal-Arrow, followed after. They lost their way. but after many trials all save Flying Arrow ing to reap a harvest of lead and jack found the exit of the cave. Flying Arrow was seen no more, and the legend is that he Those who went on the expedition were J. I was whirled into a fiery dungeon by the Fleming, H. E. Pant, W. E. Fryer, E. P. spirit of the cave. As for the lovers, they has it that they were carried to another land, one of perpetual happiners, beauty

party, with the remark: "Ef ye think this yere country's crooked on top, ye'll find she's just as durned ; crooked below ground.

He lighted his candle and the others followed his example. Then, grasping the rocks at the opening, he let himself down some four feet, stood for a moment on a some four feet, some twas barely visible from above, ducked his head and disappeared. The others of the party followed

At first all was inky blackness, despite

the Englishman, tumbled plump into one of these. He escaped unbuct, and came out

sweating roundly. When the eye became used to the dim light the cavern shone resplendent stalactite and stalagmite. Many of the foritors, but large numbers remained, and the reached into my pocket fer my jackknife limbless, inverted forest. Both the roof and walls appeared as if covered with gleaming frost crystals, an effect that was e to the candlelight glittering upon the

Ned led through this chamber into anothor. The passageway was easy compared to others that followed. It consisted of a high vertical crack in the limestone. There was no for the thin men, but one terry-set prospector had extrame difficulty in realities. prospector had extreme difficulty in getting

through. The second vault offered more of special nterest than the first. Fewer of the stalac tites had been broken off, and they seemed clearer and more crystalline. In the middie of this crypt was a sparkling spring. A burrow which intersected the main tunnel at right angles offered an outlet for the overflow. The gurgling of the water as it fied downward through the vitals of Goblin Knob toward North Brushy Creek could be heard distinctly. In the dark, dead place the sound of the water seemed like the voice of a live thing-one could imagine it the plaintive call of tertured Flying Arrow, Geing to the edge of the subterranean spring, he knelt down and pieced his candle close to earth. Then he called to the rock, were two feetprints. So perfect its mark. How long had these been there: Who had trod the spot centuries back? Was it the trail of the Indian lovers in hasty flight, or could the feet that caused

For a moment, the party wondered thus, as ferns and various kinds of wood, eataclysm had turned under a large area of the surface. The vegetation had decayed, but the trunks of the trees had petrifled and remained standing-great stone stools, mounds, and spires,

stalagmite and its corresponding forma-tion in the roof. If these were formed in the ordinary method, by the continual drip-ping of water holding carbonate of lime in solution, they were certainly marvels. The go forward. former was a mound fully four feet through, and equally high; the latter was much longer and thinner, while its point quite touched the top of the mound. Ned sat down upon a rock near the spring, cogitated awhile, and then drew at-

tention by remarking:
"Grah! I had a thunderin' scrap with a will'ca, in yere once No one spoke, and Ned continued. It was lemme see it was six. was eight years ago. Two fellers was room I ever see in a cave. You can hol'

down, an' were jus' a puttin' my lips to water when I see the doggondest, greenest things starin' at me from over yander (he pointed toward a corner of the chamber) yer ever east blinkers on. I suttinly was

The scoundred began crawlin' closter up. I it was the only wepping I had. I kinder crouched on my knees. The doggone cal come slidin' up. All to once she give a

"I kivered my face kinder with one arm and struck at the cat with the knife. But the cut missed me an' I missed him.

the water. "Well, of there's one thing a cat hain't got no use fer no way it's water, and this feller bin dropped in a well. Then I went for him. But he didn't wait. He run to where the other chaos was diggin' like a skinned was; an' I was, too. Ned arose an' holdin his candle high, started on a trip farther into the cave. As he led the way he said 'Ef you fellers think ye know what cave

travelin' is by comin' this far yer wrong for yer don't by a dum site." The next few moments verified his assertion. The walls of the second chamber beto converge. Finally they narrowed down to a tunnel in which one could barely Still the passage grew small-Then Ned laid down flat and comraced to wriggle along. So did the others, Quarters were narrow and progress diffi-But after a time another chamber

By perseverance and perhaps by the spur of pride which would not permit one to step while another would go farther the cave was tenetrated for perhaps three times the distance that had already been gone over. As one literally "rubbed elbows" with the rocks they began to feel hard, of the cave seemed to be downward, and presently the floor became damp and at | three minds. Finally the walls began again to close in, and it was apparent that another narrow place was coming. Ned

Kain't make it no further, I guess; that place is gen'lly full of water. All stopped, glad perhaps that a spot had seen reached where nobody would essay to But Ned did not start back. He stood still awhile, and then spoke again; "Too had it's wet season; ther's a mighty

strange thing on the other side, "What's that," was isked. "It's a doggone tough crawl at time," continued Ned, somewhat irrelefifty feet, with one side in the water an' with yer candle and matches held up. But a'ter that ye come out into the biggest

Larke Martin, he come with me, we suttenly was scared. "Then we see somethin' white near us

only it was a little to the right. I crawled over, and, doggone me, of it wasn't some-body's bones. Yesser, doggone me for a Dutchman, of it wasn't the bones of two or three fellers, who'd died ther.
"I kem back, and I says: 'Luke, let's move' bake, he didn't keer of we did, so

Then Ned turned and led the way back, His guidance was as much needed to return as to come, for the main cave had many intersecting branches, that probably had Finally, the silver light of day could be seen glaiming through the little hole of entrance, and soon the party had the pleas-

ire of seeing the dirty faces and clothes of each other in the generous blaze of the The drive over the hills to Ned's dom of the party expressed the thought of all

"I wonder of the bones in the cave were

the last traces of West Wind and the

DEPLORES THE DEFEAT OF THE FILTRATION BILL.

MR. FLAD'S COMMENT ON THE HOUSE'S ACTION.

Declares That Conditions Here Are Different From Those in Other Cities.

The defeat in the House of Delegates Fr day evening of the measure to appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of experimenting with a view to determining the best method of filtering the water supply of the city is deplored by the members of the Board of Public Improvements, in which the bill or-

The members expressed the opinion ves-

terday that the House had made a mistake, and that the action was taken unde a misapprehension of the facts in the cas Flad said: "I regret the defeat of the bill, because I firmly believe that th sibly he by the method suggested in the report of the committee. White it is tru that, as the committee observes, there are only two systems of filtration which have been extensively used by municipalities wit beneficial results, the question as it applie to St. Louis presents difficulties not previously encountered, on account of the pe culiar consistency and quality of Mississippl water. While it is true that, as suggested, we might construct a filtering plant, adopting either of these two systems, being guided in our selection by the records of other cities in which they are in operation we would be, in a measure virtually experimenting with the plant, because, ne matter how successful these systems mube in other cities, with water of an entirel Jacob's Cave was sighted was that of Goblin Knob, was particularly steep, and for a
time it seemed that the animals were not
equal to the situation, but the apparently
impossible was finally accomplished. Slowimpossible was finally accomplished. Slow
At first all was inky blackness, despite it was eight years ago. Two fellers was
workin' one of them prospects what our
yer light up and stare all you want to,
free in length. This was descended and the
first chamber was reached. There were

'Stood 'round awhile, and then I tho' I'd

'Stood 'round awhile, and then I'd

'Stood 'ro

and Siereking use them and sing their praises. They are used exclusively by Profs. Chas, Kunkel and E. R. Kroeger at their popular and select concerts and have these eminent musicians' unqualified approval and recommendation. Briefly, in point of

construction, durability, tone, beauty and uniqueness of style, the Mason & Hamlin Pianos rank as the World's Standard. NOTE THE PRICES; the cheapest box (misnamed a piano) on the market cannot be bought so cheap. Cost has not been considered in this Great Clearance

Sale. and the prices are for CASH ONLY. A Fine Hungarian Walnut Upright

that old for \$450,00, now A Fine San Domingo Mahogany Upright that sold for \$400.00, now.

A Fine Ebony-Finished Upright

And, Best of All: A Beautiful Mahogany Baby Grand.

unsurpassed by any Piano in the world, that sold \$475.00 for \$750.00, now These and several others at just such prices will make this the greatest op-



Washington Ave. and Sixth St.

"We might construct a plant employing slow sand filtration system, and disover, when too late, that, owing to the occuliar consistency of the Mississippi waer, filtration would be so slow that it would equire a plant of such enormous capacity o supply our needs that the expense of i eavy as to make the scheme impracticable It was for this reason that we adve-

ated the propriety of conducting experinental tests to determine the best method nental tests to determine the best method of filtration before asking for an ordinance o construct a filtration plant. Experiments and tests made by other cities will not meet be requirements of our city. Although bree re-ords may show that certain systems of filtration have been successful in their cities, the same system may fall uther cities, the same system may fall uther cities.

water, and we, of course, propose to give to them if it is possible, and with delay on our part. At present, I see only two ways open to us. We may comply with the suggestion of the House Committee and introduce an ordinance providing for the construction and operation of a filtration

\$275.00 \$

\$255.00

construction and operation of a filtration plant, containing a provision for experimental work, or we may be compelled to delay the matter until we get another House of Delegates.

"The instruction contained in the committee's report that the ordinance was introduced and jammed through the Council through 'social influence' and at the institution of the containing attention of people who had a mercenary interest in its passage is without basis. The of filtration before asking for an ordinance to construct a filtration plant. Experiments and tests made by other cities will not met the requirements of our city. Although these records may show that certain systems of filtration have been successful in other cities, the same system may fall utterly when tested by our Mississippi water. It was to avoid this element of uncertainty that we asked for the appropriation to make texts to meet the conditions as they exist here.

"At present I cannot say what steps the board will take to meet the situation forced upon it by the defeat of the measure in the House. The people who had a mercenary interest in its passage is without oasts. The first ordinance, which was killed, originated with ms. When the second ordinance was drawn if discussed its features with a number of citizens, who, I know, were interested in obtaining a supply of pure water and who are entirely disinterested outside of that They assured me the ordinance was a measure demanded by the public, and later they organized and made a demonstration before both branches of the Assembly, merely to indicate the state of public feeting and assure the members that the passage of the bill was desired by the public.